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Congressman Dent rejects massive tax hike

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) today voted against the largest tax increase in American history included in a Congressional budget that boosts spending and taxation at unsustainable levels. Congressman Dent issued the following statement on today's budget proposals:

“The majority's budget plan is fiscally irresponsible. This budget proposal uses gimmicks to hide unsustainable spending and does nothing to reform entitlement spending that is overtaking the budget. Worst of all, it takes money out of the pockets of hard-working American people, with tax increases of \$392.5 billion over five years – the largest tax increase in American history. In Pennsylvania, these tax hikes will hit 4.7 million taxpayers with an average tax increase of more than \$3,000 over the next five years.

“The significant tax hikes included in this ill-advised budget will impact middle-income American families, low-income earners, families with children, married couples, and small businesses and family farmers.

“The proponents of this budget maintain a flawed belief that the American people's money belongs to the government.

“To me, it's simple: the best stimulus for economic growth and prosperity is keeping money in the hands of consumers and entrepreneurs. Massive tax increases are self-defeating – they raise money in the short-

term, but in the long-term they hurt Americans' earnings and investments, costing jobs and lowering revenue.

“Tax relief has worked. Smart fiscal policies have led to double-digit growth in tax revenue the past two years. In the three years I have been in Congress, the deficit has shrunk sharply and consistently, because American investment has spurred economic growth and millions of new jobs have been created. I want to see this positive trend continue.

“I was eager to support a budget that established a sound blueprint to balance our defense and domestic priorities, while preserving the important tax relief for American families and small businesses that has been the linchpin of our economic stability. I could not support a budget that raids Americans' wallets and costs American jobs.”

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